

**FOURTH DAY.**

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas,

Friday, January 15, 1915.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by President Pro Tem. Nugent.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answered to their names:

Astin,	King.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Lattimore.
Bailey of Harris.	McNealus.
Bee.	Morrow.
Conner.	Nugent.
Cowell.	Page.
Darwin.	Parr.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Hall.	Smith.
Harley.	Suiter.
Harris.	Terrell.
Henderson.	Townsend.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
Johnson.	Wiley.

Absent.

Clark. McGregor.

Absent—Excused.

Brelsford.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Bailey of Harris.

**Report of Contingent Expense Committee.**

By Senator Wiley:

Committee Room,  
Austin, January 15, 1915.

Hon. C. W. Nugent, President Pro Tempore of the Senate:

Sir: We, your committee to which was referred Simple Resolution No. 15, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have made a careful inspection of the Senate Chamber, committee rooms and cloak room. We recommend the purchase of linoleum for the two halls leading from Senate Chamber to committee rooms and linoleum for committee room No. 3; the purchase of thirty-six desks to be used by the stenographers and

clerks, replacing the old dilapidated tables that are now being used; that two Twentieth Century water coolers be installed displacing the unsanitary coolers now in use.

We have asked for prices on desks and coolers, and if this resolution meets with the approval of the Senate, they will be installed at the earliest possible date.

We have requested the Sergeant-at-Arms to procure necessary quantity of disinfectants and have the porters cleanse and disinfect Senate Chamber, committee rooms and cloak room as speedily as possible.

We recommend that the carpet on the Senate Chamber be not removed, and in keeping with this recommendation, we have requested the Sergeant-at-Arms to see that the carpet is swept by the use of a vacuum cleaner and that some carpet disinfectant be obtained and used as may be necessary. This, we believe, will be sufficient for the present session of the Senate.

In this report we would call the attention of the Senate to the unsanitary ventilation and heating of the Senate Chamber and apartments. The heating system should be removed and an up-to-date system installed. The cloak room and toilet room should be supplied with sanitary vent pipes. To re-install the heating system at this time would greatly interfere with the work of the Senate, and we recommend for the present that covers be placed over as many of the floor radiators as possible, and that such action as the Senate may think advisable be had with reference to the installation of vent pipes.

It is our opinion that the cleansing and disinfecting of Senate Chamber, committee rooms, cloak room and toilet, and the purchase and installation of necessary desks and carpet sweepers will not exceed the sum of \$500.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Wiley, chairman; Conner, Harris, Page.

The above report was read and adopted.

**Private Secretary to Lieutenant Governor.**

Hon. C. W. Nugent, President Pro Tempore of the Senate:

Dear Sir: Please announce the

appointment of Curtis S. Knobelsdorf as the Private Secretary of the Lieutenant Governor.

W. P. HOBBY,  
Lieutenant Governor.

#### Special Committee Report.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 15, 1915.

Hon. John W. Woods, Speaker,  
House of Representatives, and  
Hon. C. W. Nugent, President Pro  
Tem. Senate:

Sirs: Your Joint Committee, appointed to arrange for counting the votes, and for the inauguration of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, beg leave to recommend that the House and Senate meet in joint session in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Monday, the 18th day of January, 1915, at 11 o'clock, a. m., for the purpose of counting said votes, and that the House and Senate shall sit in joint session in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Tuesday, the 19th day of January, 1915, at 12 o'clock noon, at which time the Joint Committee will escort the Governor and Lieutenant Governor-elect to the Speaker's stand and the oath of office will be administered to them by Judge T. J. Brown, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Bell, chairman; Tiller, Strayhorn, Witt, Woods of Navarro.

On the part of the House.

King, chairman; Darwin, Bee,

On the part of the Senate.

The above report was read and adopted.

#### Simple Resolution No. 19.

By Senator Johnson.

Resolved, That the President of the Senate be requested to assign one of the porters of the Senate as postoffice porter, for the purpose of carrying the mail from and to the Senate postoffice and to carry a sack of mail from the Senate Chamber to the Austin postoffice at 11 o'clock a. m. and each night at 9:30 o'clock; and that arrangements be made with the postal authorities for mail sacks for this purpose.

Johnson, McNealus.

The resolution was read and adopted.

#### Bills and Resolutions.

By Senator Wiley:

S. B. No. 60, A bill to be entitled, "An Act to provide for the examination of the books, accounts, records, letters, documents, paper, securities, and count the cash of all State institutions and departments, and of all State, district and county and precinct offices in this State; defining the duties of Comptroller of Public Accounts and of certain State, district, county and precinct officers; providing for the appointment of special agents and prescribing qualifications, and providing for the payment of expenses; fixing salaries; providing for the collection of moneys in certain instances; providing penalties; making an appropriation, repealing laws and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator King:

S. B. No. 61, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an Act of the Thirty-second Legislature entitled 'An Act to amend Article 21, Title 4, of the Revised Civil Statutes,' and to amend an Act passed by the Thirtieth Legislature creating the Sixth Supreme Judicial District of Texas, and to create the Seventh and Eighth Supreme Judicial Districts of Texas, and to provide for the organization of a Court of Civil Appeals within the Ninth Supreme Judicial District of Texas, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Senator Harley:

S. B. No. 62, A Bill to be entitled "An Act to accept the gift to the State of a hospital building and to establish a State hospital for crippled and deformed children and to provide for the management and control thereof."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

(Senator Wiley in the chair.)

By Senator McNealus:

S. B. No. 63, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require engineers and others operating steam engines and boilers to procure a license, and to

provide for the issuance of licenses, and for the examination of applicants for licenses, to the end that life and property may the better be protected against injury or damage, and to repeal any act that has been passed by the Legislature of Texas, granting cities the power to license stationery engineers."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Labor.

By Senator McNealus:

S. B. No. 64, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the licensing of persons, firms and corporations engaging in, pursuing, conducting or carrying on a business in the State of Texas, of installing any wires or electric apparatus, to convey electrical current for light, heat, power, illumination, or sounds, and to prevent the doing of such electrical work by persons, firms and corporations other than those licensed in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and to provide for the appointment of a State Electrical Supervisor, and prescribing his qualifications and defining his powers and duties; and to provide for the appointment of city electricians in cities of more than 10,000 inhabitants, according to the last United States Census, and prescribing their qualifications and defining their powers and duties; and to prohibit in said cities the installation of electric wiring or apparatus without a permit from the said city electrician; and to regulate the installation of electric wires or electrical apparatus to convey electric current for light, heat, power, illumination or sounds; and providing penalties for the violation of the provisions of this Act."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Labor.

By Senator Townsend:

S. B. No. 65, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Articles 6581 and 6582, Revised Statutes, 1911, so as to require all persons, corporations and receivers engaged in the construction or repairing of railway cars, trucks or other railway equipment in this State to provide at points where as many as four men are regularly employed by them in such work, suitable premises and shelter for the protection of such employes from rain, heat and other inclement weather while engaged in such work; prescribing the character

of such premises and shelter; prohibiting the working of such employes by such persons, corporations and receivers, in such work, outside of such shelter; providing penalties for violations of this Act; fixing the time within which such shelter shall be provided, the time when this Act shall take effect, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Townsend:

S. B. No. 66, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and empower the Railroad Commission of Texas to require any railway company or receiver owning or operating any line of railroad within the State to acquire and install on a roadbed or track of such railroad or designated portion thereof such ties, rails, ballast and other material as may be adequate and necessary to lay such track and road bed in a safe condition to enable such company or corporation to transport freight and passengers with safety and without delay; prescribing penalties for violations thereof, and remedies for the enforcement of this Act, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Cowell:

S. B. No. 67, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6423, Revised Statutes of 1911, so as to require railroad companies or receivers thereof, or the purchaser or purchasers of the property and franchises of any railroad company at judicial or other sale, and any new corporation organized to take over the properties and franchises of any railroad company purchased at judicial or other sale, to secure the approval of the Railroad Commission of Texas before moving its general offices, shops or roundhouses, and prohibiting such changes or removal without such permission; and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Hudspeth:

S. B. No. 68, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7314, Chapter 8, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, describing the duties and powers of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission so as to place scab-

bies in sheep under the provisions of said Commission, and to make it the duties of said Commission to stamp out and eradicate scab in sheep in this State, and to provide for quarantining against other States and the bringing of infected sheep from other States into this State, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

By Senator Hudspeth:

S. B. No. 69, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7235, Chapter 6, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, entitled 'Of the mode of preventing horses and certain other animals running at large in particular counties named,' so as to include Terrell County under the provisions of said Article, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

Morning call concluded.

The following bills were introduced by unanimous consent, and referred by Senator Wiley, who was presiding:

By Senator Henderson:

S. B. No. 70, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Fifth Judicial District of Texas, and to create the Seventy-sixth Judicial District of Texas, and to fix the time of holding courts in said districts; and to fix the jurisdiction of the court for the \_\_\_\_\_ Judicial District of the State of Texas; and to provide for the appointment of a Judge and District Attorney for the Seventy-sixth Judicial District; and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith; and to declare an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Senator Bailey of DeWitt:

S. B. No. 71, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize, empower and permit Aransas County, upon a vote of two-thirds majority of the resident property tax payers voting thereof who are qualified electors of said county, to issue bonds, or otherwise lend its credit, in any amount not to exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of Aransas County,

and to levy and collect taxes, to pay the interest on said bonds, and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof, authorized by Article 3, Section 52, of the Constitution, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating a macadamized or graveled or paved road or turnpike or in aid thereof, across Aransas Bay between Lamar Peninsula and Live Oak Peninsula, in said county, to connect the public road system of said county lying north of Copano Bay with the public road system of said county on Live Oak Peninsula, adopting certain provisions of the general laws, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Bailey of Harris:

S. B. No. 72, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting permission to Philip H. Fall, Charles P. MacGill, and the heirs of E. B. Nichols, deceased, and their associates, to bring suit in the District Court of Travis County, Texas, to ascertain, adjudicate, fix and establish their claim against the State of Texas, as owners and holders of certain claims and bonds therein mentioned, and providing further that the State Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay out of the general fund, not otherwise appropriated, on the warrant of the Comptroller the amount of such judgment and directing the Comptroller of Public Accounts to issue warrant for amount of such final judgment as may be obtained, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Public Debt Claims and Accounts.

By Senator Astin:

S. B. No. 73, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make an emergency appropriation for the maintenance, support, and direction of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

#### Senate Bill No. 47—Passage Of.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading and regular order,

S. B. No. 47, A bill to be entitled "An Act enlarging and giving boun-

daries of Independent School District No. 1, Sterling County, for school purposes; making such old district subject to school house bonds outstanding, and providing for a board of equalization for said district and defining its duties; placing all territory included in such district under the jurisdiction of the board of trustees of such new district, and giving such board of trustees all authority now or that may hereafter be given under the General Laws, regulating Independent School Districts not in conflict with this Act, and validating the incorporation of the former district, not in conflict with this Act, and declaring an emergency."

The Committee report, that the bill be not printed, was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Hudspeth, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and S. B. No. 47 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—29.

Astin,	Lattimore.
Bailey of DeWitt.	McGregor.
Bailey of Harris.	McNealus.
Bee.	Morrow.
Conner.	Nugent.
Cowell.	Page.
Darwin.	Parr.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Hall.	Smith.
Harley.	Suiter.
Harris.	Terrell.
Henderson.	Townsend.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
Johnson.	Wiley.
King.	

Absent.

Clark.

Absent—Excused.

Brelsford.

The bill was read third time and passed finally by the following vote:

Yeas—28.

Astin,	Darwin.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Gibson.
Bailey of Harris.	Hall.
Bee.	Harley.
Conner.	Harris.
Cowell.	Henderson.

Hudspeth.	Page.
Johnson.	Parr.
King.	Smith.
Lattimore.	Suiter.
McGregor.	Terrell.
McNealus.	Townsend.
Morrow.	Westbrook.
Nugent.	Wiley.

Absent.

Clark.

Robbins.

Absent—Excused.

Brelsford.

Senator Hudspeth moved to reconsider the vote by which S. B. No. 47 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

#### Senate Bill No. 48—Passage Of.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading and regular order,

S. B. No. 48, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Sixty-fifth Judicial District, and to reorganize the Thirty-fourth and Forty-first Judicial Districts, and to embrace in one Act the several provisions of law applicable to each of said three districts, and to provide for the appointment of a judge of the Sixty-fifth Judicial District, and to regulate the relations and procedure of said courts with reference to each other in El Paso County, Texas, and to provide for their terms, and for the transfer of cases from either of said courts in El Paso County to any other of said courts in El Paso County, and to provide for one district attorney acting as district attorney for each of said courts, and for the clerk of the District Court of El Paso County performing the duties of clerk of each of said courts in El Paso County, and to prevent the organization of grand juries in any of said courts in El Paso County other than in and for the Thirty-fourth Judicial District unless specially ordered by either of the other of said courts."

The committee report, that the bill be not printed, was adopted.

Senator Hudspeth offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill by adding after the word "courts" the following: "and declaring an emergency."

The amendment was read and adopted.

The bill having been read second time, was passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Hudspeth, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and S. B. No. 48 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

**Yeas—27.**

Astin,	King.
Bailey of DeWitt.	McGregor.
Bailey of Harris.	McNealus.
Bee.	Morrow.
Conner.	Nugent.
Cowell.	Page.
Darwin.	Parr.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Hall.	Smith.
Harley.	Suiter.
Harris.	Townsend.
Henderson.	Westbrook.
Hudspeth.	Wiley.
Johnson.	

**Absent.**

Clark.	Terrell.
Lattimore.	

**Absent—Excused.**

Brelsford.

The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

**Yeas—25.**

Astin,	Harley.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Harris.
Bailey of Harris.	Henderson.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Darwin.	Johnson.
Gibson.	King.
Hall.	Lattimore.
McGregor.	Robbins.
McNealus.	Smith.
Morrow.	Suiter.
Nugent.	Townsend.
Page.	Wiley.
Parr.	

**Nays—3.**

Conner.	Westbrook.
Cowell.	

**Absent.**

Clark.	Terrell.
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**Absent—Excused.**

Brelsford.

Senator Hudspeth moved to reconsider the vote by which S. B. No. 48 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

**Message From the House.**

Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas, January 15, 1915.

Hon. C. W. Nugent, President of the Senate:

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has completed its organization by the election of the following officers:

Chief Clerk—W. R. Long.

Sergeant-at-Arms—W. L. Escaville.

Assistant-Sergeant-at-Arms — L. P. Archer.

Reading Clerk—O. P. Basford.

Assistant Reading Clerk—T. B. Reese.

Journal Clerk—J. L. Robinson.

Calendar Clerk—Ed Graham.

Enrolling Clerk—J. T. Robison.

Engrossing Clerk—Laten Stanberry.

Doorkeeper—J. K. Lane.

Assistant Doorkeeper—H. T. Dunaway.

Chaplain—Rev. H. M. Whaling.

Respectfully,

W. R. LONG,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

**Message From the House.**

Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas, January 15, 1915.

Hon. C. W. Nugent, President of the Senate:

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 1, Relative to the inauguration of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

The following members, on the part of the House, have been appointed to canvass the vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and to arrange for their inauguration: Bell, Strayhorn, Witt, Tiller and Woods of Navarro.

Respectfully,

W. R. LONG,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

**Senate Bill No. 51—Passage Of.**

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading and regular order, S. B. No. 51, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Seventy-fifth Judicial District of Texas, said district to be composed of the counties of Montgomery, Liberty, Chambers, Hardin, San Jacinto and Polk; to fix the jurisdiction of the district courts in said district and the terms of court in said several counties in said district; to empower the judge of the district created by this Act and the judge of the Ninth Judicial District in said counties to transfer cases from their respective dockets to the dockets of the other courts in said counties; to provide that the district clerks, sheriffs and the district attorney elected in the counties composing the Ninth and Seventy-fifth Judicial Districts, and their successors in office, be alike officers of each of the district courts in said judicial districts; providing and designating what suits shall be filed in each of the courts of both districts; also providing for the appointment of a judge for the district courts in said Seventy-fifth Judicial District, fixing his salary, manner of payment, the terms of office; and declaring an emergency."

The committee report, that the bill be not printed, was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Nugent, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, was suspended, and S. B. No. 51 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Astin,	Lattimore.
Bailey of DeWitt.	McGregor.
Bailey of Harris.	McNealus.
Bee.	Nugent.
Cowell.	Page.
Darwin.	Parr.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Harley.	Smith.
Harris.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Terrell.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.
Johnson.	Wiley.
King.	

Nays—2.

Conner.	Westbrook.
Hall.	Present—Not Voting.

Absent.

Clark.	Morrow.
	Absent—Excused.

Brelsford.

The bill was read third time and passed finally by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Astin,	Lattimore.
Bailey of DeWitt.	McNealus.
Bailey of Harris.	Morrow.
Bee.	Nugent.
Darwin.	Page.
Gibson.	Parr.
Hall.	Robbins.
Harley.	Smith.
Harris.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Terrell.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.
Johnson.	Wiley.
King.	

Nays—3.

Conner.	Westbrook.
Cowell.	

Absent.

Clark.	McGregor.
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Absent—Excused.

Brelsford.

Senator Nugent moved to reconsider the vote by which S. B. No. 51 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

**S. B. No. 15—Made Special Order.**

The Chair laid before the Senate, as regular order, and on second reading,

S. B. No. 15, a bill to be entitled "An Act to require the chairman of the county executive committee of any political party in this State to make due returns of the canvass of any election held to nominate party candidates; fixing the time in which such returns shall be made; and providing penalties for any such chairman who fails to discharge his duty as herein provided; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read and action recurred on the committee report "with amendments." (See committee report for amendments.)

Pending discussion Senator Westbrook moved that further considera-

tion of the bill be postponed for this time and that the bill be made a special order for 2 o'clock this afternoon, which motion was adopted.

#### Simple Resolution No. 20.

By Senator Johnson:

Resolved, That the Senator from Hunt be added to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

The resolution was read and adopted.

#### Message From the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives.  
Austin, Texas, Jan. 15, 1914.

Hon. C. W. Nugent, President of the Senate:

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 2, Contingent Expenses, Thirty-fourth Legislature;

S. B. No. 3, Mileage and Per Diem, Thirty-fourth Legislature;

Respectfully,

W. R. LONG,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

#### Message From the Governor.

Here a messenger from the Governor's Office appeared at the bar of the Senate and presented a "Message from the Governor," and the same went to the table pending the consideration of other business.

#### Senate Bill No. 30.

The Chair laid before the Senate, as regular order and on second reading.

S. B. No. 30, "An Act for the extension of the time of payment of all taxes due the State of Texas and the various counties of the State of Texas for the year 1914, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read, and Senator McNealus offered the following amendment:

Amend the printed bill, page 1, line 13, by inserting after the word "counties" the words "and cities."

#### Recess.

On motion of Senator Bailey of DeWitt, the Senate, at 12:20 o'clock p. m., recessed until 3 o'clock today.

#### After Recess.

(Afternoon Session.)

The Senate was called to order by President Pro Tem. Nugent.

#### Senate Bill No. 30.

(Pending Business.)

Action recurred on the pending business, S. B. No. 30, the question being on the amendment by Senator McNealus (see morning proceedings for the amendment).

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

#### Yeas—9.

Conner.	Morrow.
Cowell.	Parr.
Henderson.	Suiter.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
McNealus.	

#### Nays—16.

Astin.	King.
Bee.	Lattimore.
Darwin.	McGregor.
Gibson.	Nugent.
Hall.	Robbins.
Harley.	Smith.
Harris.	Townsend.
Johnson.	Wiley.

Present—Not Voting.

Bailey of Harris.

#### Absent.

Bailey of DeWitt.	Page.
Clark.	Terrell.

Absent—Excused.

Brelsford.

#### Committee Report.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, January 15, 1915.

Hon. C. W. Nugent, President Pro Tem. of the Senate:

Sir: We, your Committee on Federal Relations, to whom Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3, together with amendment thereto, was



referred, beg leave to report that we have carefully considered the same and recommend that said resolution, as amended, be passed.

SUITER, Chairman.

On motion of Senator Lattimore, the above report was adopted.

**Senate Bill No. 15.**  
(Special Order.)

Action recurring on S. B. No. 15 considered at the morning session, and made a special order for this hour.

(Senator Terrell in the chair.)

The question was on the adoption of the committee report, with committee amendments, and,

Senator Lattimore offered the following amendment to the committee report:

Amend committee report, line 27, page 2, printed bill, by striking out the words "not less."

Senator McNealus made the point of order that the subject matter in the bill was already contained in the statute.

The Chair, Senator Terrell, overruled the point of order.

Action recurred on the amendment to the committee report, and the same was adopted.

The committee report, as amended, was adopted.

Senator Westbrook offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill by striking out the word "the" in line 14, page 1, and insert after the word "committee" in said line the words "of all political parties."

HUDSPETH.  
WESTBROOK.

The amendment was adopted.

Senator Westbrook offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill by striking out the word "immediately," page 1, Section 1, line 20, and insert in lieu thereof the following, "within five days."

SUITER.  
WESTBROOK.

The amendment was read and adopted.

Senator Henderson offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill by adding Section 3, "provided that all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed."

Senator Harley moved that the bill and pending amendments be re-committed to the committee.

The motion to recommit the bill was adopted.

**Bills and Resolutions.**

By unanimous consent and referred by Senator Terrell, who was presiding:

By Senators Hudspeth, Johnson and Brelsford:

S. B. No. 74, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the protection of stock raisers, farmers and horticulturists; providing for the destruction of wolves and other wild animals; to make an appropriation therefor; to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

By Senator Johnson:

S. B. No. 75, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the sale or vending newspapers, books, cigars, fruits, confections or other merchandise on railway trains, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Senator Suiter:

S. B. No. 76, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the Act of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of Texas (Laws of Special Session, Chapter 1), entitled 'An Act to render more effective and efficient the present road law in the State of Texas and its application and operation in the counties of Guadalupe, Caldwell, Bée, Jackson, Grimes, Comal, Colorado, Gillespie, Wood, Jefferson, Maverick; to authorize and empower the said counties to issue bonds for the construction or purchasing of bridges and construction and maintenance of public roads and highways within the said counties and regulating the compensation of certain officers,' and amended by an Act passed by the Twenty-ninth Legislature; H. B. No. 173, approved March 29, 1905, and further amended by the Thirty-second Legislature; S. B. No. 69, approved February 20, 1911, by further omitting the county of

Wood from said Act, and to hereafter read as follows, 'and declaring an emergency.'"

Read first time and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

#### Senate Bill No. 5 Withdrawn.

Senator Bailey of Harris asked unanimous consent to withdraw from the calendar S. B. No. 5, he being author of the bill.

There being no objection, the bill was withdrawn.

#### Senate Bill No. 30.

(Pending Business.)

Action here recurred on the pending business, S. B. No. 30, and,

Senator Lattimore offered the following substitute for the bill and pending amendment:

Amend bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

#### A BILL

#### To Be Entitled

An Act to relieve the citizens of Texas from payment of penalties and costs because of failure to pay taxes by February 1, 1914.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. The penalty of 10 per cent now affixed by statute for failure to pay taxes by February 1st of each year is hereby expressly remitted on all taxes due for the year 1914, by natural persons, provided such taxes be paid on or before September 30, 1915. No penalty or interest of any kind shall be charged or collected on such taxes if paid by said time.

Sec. 2. No suit for such taxes for the year 1914 shall be filed before October 1, 1915.

Sec. 2b. A discount of 5 per cent shall be allowed upon all such taxes paid to the State or the several counties during the month of February, 1915.

Sec. 3. Any officer who shall do any act in violation of the terms of this Act shall be subject to removal for malfeasance in office.

Sec. 4. Immediately upon the passage of this act the Secretary of

State shall mail a copy hereof to each tax collector in this State.

Sec. 5. The shortage of money in our State and the fact that penalties for non-payment of taxes accrues on February 1st of each year creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be, and the same is hereby suspended, and this bill shall become a law from and after the date of its passage, and it is so enacted.

Senator Morrow moved that further consideration of the bill be postponed until next Monday, following the morning call, and that it be made a special order for that hour.

Senator Wiley moved, as a substitute, that the bill and the substitute be recommitted.

Action recurred on the substitute motion first, and the same was adopted by the following vote:

#### Yeas—15.

Astin.	Harris.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Johnson.
Bee.	King.
Conner.	McGregor.
Darwin.	Townsend.
Gibson.	Westbrook.
Hall.	Wiley.
Harley.	

#### Nays—13.

Bailey of Harris.	Nugent.
Cowell.	Parr.
Henderson.	Robbins.
Hudspeth.	Smith.
Lattimore.	Suiter.
McNealus.	Terrell.
Morrow.	

#### Absent.

Clark.	Page.
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#### Absent—Excused.

Brelsford.

(President Pro Tem. Nugent in the chair.)

#### Simple Resolution No. 21.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Senator Bee:

Be it Resolved, That the Senator from Grayson be added to the Committee on Educational Affairs.

The resolution was read and adopted.

**Bills Signed.**

The Chair, President Pro Tem. Nugent, gave notice of signing, and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read, the following bills:

S. B. No. 2, contingent expense bill;

S. B. No. 3, mileage and per diem bill.

**Adjournment.**

On motion of Senator Robbins the Senate, at 4:30 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock Monday morning.

**APPENDIX.****Committee Reports.**

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 15, 1915.

Hon. C. W. Nugent, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred S. B. No. 52, A bill to be entitled, "An Act to reorganize the Thirteenth Judicial District of Texas, and to create the Seventy-seventh Judicial District of Texas; and fix the time of holding the courts in said districts; and to provide for organizing grand juries at certain terms in said courts; and to provide for the appointment of a judge of the Seventy-seventh Judicial District; and to continue in office, the judge of the Thirteenth Judicial District, and district attorney of said Seventy-seventh Judicial District, and the clerks of the district courts in the several counties of said districts; and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed, but be printed in the Journal.

NUGENT, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 15, 1915.

Hon. C. W. Nugent, President Pro Tem. of the Senate:

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 70, A bill to be entitled, "An Act to reorganize the Fifth Judicial District of Texas, and to fix the time of holding courts in said districts; and to fix the jurisdiction of the court for the Seventy-sixth Judicial District of the State of Texas; and to provide for the appointment of a judge and district attorney for the Seventy-sixth Judicial District; and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith; and to declare an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed, but be printed in the Journal.

NUGENT, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 15, 1915.

Hon. C. W. Nugent, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Judiciary No. 2, to whom was referred S. B. No. 50, A bill to be entitled, "An Act making it compulsory to provide adequate fire escapes upon all buildings of over two stories in height, used now or hereafter, wholly or in part as a seminary, college, academy, school house, hotel or hospital, for the accommodation of transient guests, manufactory, wholesale, retail, or department store, or in any place in which five or more persons shall be assembled, other than a private residence,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendment:

Amend Section No. 1, by inserting after the word "ladders," in line eight, and before the word "on," the following, "or iron spiral fire escape."

HUDSPETH, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 15, 1915.

Hon. C. W. Nugent, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Judiciary No. 2, to whom was referred S. B. No. 29, A bill to be entitled, "An Act to amend Title No. 9, Chapter 4, Articles 884 and 885, Code of Criminal Procedure: To provide for the place where judgments of death by electrocution shall take place; and providing for the erection of houses

or necessary arrangements to be made for execution; providing for transfer of convicts after death penalty has been rendered pending the carrying into effect of said judgments; and providing for the maintenance of said convicts pending the execution of said judgments, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendment:

Amend Article 885b by adding after the words "allowed by law in felony cases" the words "and also the actual expenses of one guard accompanying him, in conveying said prisoner to Huntsville, which fees and expenses shall be paid by the State."

HUDSPETH, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 15, 1915.

Hon. C. W. Nugent, President Pro Tem. of the Senate:

Sir: Your Committee on Mining and Irrigation, to whom was referred S. B. No. 6, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes of 1911, by adding thereto Articles 1494a, 1494b, 1494c, 1494d, 1494e, 1494f, 1494g, 1494h and 1494i, so as to place the finances of all improvement, navigation, drainage, road or irrigation districts, and all other districts that are now in existence by authority of law, or that may hereafter be created, under the control and supervision of the county auditor, in all counties in which there now exists a county auditor, or in which a county auditor may hereafter be created, and providing for the filing, auditing and approving by him of all bills of said districts, and providing the method of drawing and paying said warrants, and providing for the prescribing of all necessary forms and the supervision by the auditor of the various funds of said districts, and the investment thereof, providing for the checking of all reports by the auditor and the filing of reports by the auditor, and the keeping of books for said district and the receipt of money by the treasurer for said districts, and the inspection of all books and accounts by the auditor, and regulating the taking of bids for all supplies, material, labor, etc., and providing

for compensation to be paid to the auditor, and authorizing the appointment of assistants to the auditor, and declaring an emergency."

Have had same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

TERRELL, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 15, 1915.

Hon. C. W. Nugent, President Pro Tem. of the Senate:

Sir: Your Committee on Mining and Irrigation, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 42, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5558 of the Revised Civil Statutes to Texas, relating to the disposition of funds of improvement districts for the construction of levees to prevent overflows,"

Have had same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

TERRELL, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 15, 1915.

Hon. C. W. Nugent, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 16, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring hotels, cafes, restaurants and all public eating houses in this State to sterilize in hot boiling water all plates, cups, saucers, knives, forks, spoons and such other utensils as may be used in serving meals and drinks, after being used and before permitting them to be used again, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

McNEALUS, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 15, 1915.

Hon. C. W. Nugent, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred S. B. No. 1, have carefully compared same, and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 15, 1915.

Hon. C. W. Nugent, President Pro  
Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled  
Bills

Have carefully examined and com-  
pared S. B. No. 3, and find it cor-  
rectly enrolled, and have this day, at  
12:25 o'clock p. m., presented same  
to the Governor for his approval.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, January 15, 1915.

Hon. C. W. Nugent, President Pro  
Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled  
Bills have carefully examined and  
compared S. B. No. 2, and find it cor-  
rectly enrolled, and have this day  
at 12:25 o'clock p. m., presented  
same to the Governor for his ap-  
proval.

TERRELL, Chairman.

#### FIFTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas,

Monday, January 18, 1915.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m.,  
pursuant to adjournment, and was  
called to order by President Pro  
Tem. Nugent.

The roll was called, a quorum  
being present, the following Sen-  
ators answered to their names:

Astin.	Johnson.
Bailey of DeWitt.	King.
Bailey of Harris.	Lattimore.
Bee.	McGregor.
Brelsford.	McNealus.
Clark.	Morrow.
Conner.	Nugent.
Cowell.	Page.
Darwin.	Parr.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Hall.	Suiter.
Harley.	Terrell.
Harris.	Townsend.
Henderson.	Westbrook.
Hudspeth.	Wiley.

Absent.

Smith.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Jour-  
nal of Friday, the same was dis-

pensed with on motion of Senator  
McNealus.

#### Petitions and Memorials.

Senator McNealus presented a pe-  
tition from Edwin Morrow of Dallas,  
requesting passage of bill extending  
time of payment of taxes.

#### Standing Committee Reports.

See Appendix for all standing  
committee reports.

#### Simple Resolution No. 22.

By Senator Johnson:

Whereas, Hon. Jno. W. Veale, a  
former honorable member of this  
body, is now in the gallery,

Resolved, That he be invited to  
address the Senate and be granted  
the privilege of the floor.

JOHNSON,  
LATTIMORE.

The resolution was read and  
adopted, and former Senator Veale  
was presented to the Senate and  
made a brief address.

#### Simple Resolution No. 23.

By Senator Westbrook et al.:

Be it Resolved, That the Senate  
of Texas endorse as patriotic and  
wise the administration of our  
Democratic President, the Honorable  
Woodrow Wilson, and reaffirm our  
faith in, and allegiance to, the Na-  
tional Democratic platform adopted  
at Baltimore, excepting the declara-  
tion in favor of the exemption of  
American vessels from the payment  
of tolls through the Panama Canal  
(which doubtless found its way into  
the platform through oversight of  
the Resolutions Committee of that  
convention), and we specifically en-  
dorse the action of President Wilson  
and Congress repealing the law  
granting to American vessels such  
exemption.

We also specifically endorse the  
administration's Mexican policy and  
the strict neutrality maintained in  
dealing with the present great Eu-  
ropean crisis; be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of  
the Senate be directed to send copies  
of this resolution to the President,